Receipt Inspection. Accelerated user cum reliability trials are scheduled in summer of 2007.

Missing persons in J&K

*126. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of innocent people from J&K who are reported to have been missing during the last several years are alleged to have been killed by the Army/CRPF;

(b) if so, what are the details of the missing persons in J&K during the last three years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Special Investigating Team, probing the fake encounters killings in J&K, has recently exhumed a few bodies from graveyards and if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the officers concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The outbreak of militancy in the State towards the early 90's resulted in killing of innocent civilians, political leaders, social workers, security force personnel and destruction of the Government/private properties by terrorists. Army and additional Central Para Military Forces were deployed in the State to assist the State Policy in the fight against terrorism. In the process, a large number of persons suspected to be having terrorist links were apprehended, amongst whom innocents would subsequently be released. Many of those reported to have been missing have crossed over to the neighbouring country for armed training. However, allegations are made against security forces of having killed their missing wards in custody. Recently six cases of alleged fake encounters are killing of civilians have been reported in Srinagar and Baramulla districts who were reported missing during the year 2006 and 2007.

(c) A special investigation team headed by a DIG rank officer has been constituted by the State Government to look into the allegations. Dead bodies of five persons were exhumed under appropriate authority

in the presence of Magistrate and witnesses and post mortem conducted. Samples were taken by Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Chandigarh experts from the dead bodies as also from their relatives for DNA matching and identification. The dead body of the sixth person was handed over by Police Station Pattan to his relatives. Two of the dead bodies have been identified as that of civilians on the basis of a positive DNA report from CFSL Chandigarh. Seven police personnel have been arrested including one SSP and one Dy. SP. on charges of murder. A judicial inquiry has also been announced. Army and Central Reserve Police Force have also ordered Courts of Inquiry to look into the alleged involvement of their personnel in fake encounters.

Cases registered for protection of Civil Rights Act and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act

*127. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 during last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases registered under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the same period, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a huge gap between the cases registered under the two Acts; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) The number of cases registered under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during 2003 to 2005 are indicated below:—

Year	Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955	SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989
2003	671	9388
2004	375	10066
2005	453	9780